(b) if so, whether Government have taken cognizance Of such cases or not; and

(c) whether Government will make efforts to amend this Act and make it more stringent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) The provisions of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 apply in case of atrocity by the persons of upper caste against the Scheduled Castes in scheduled areas unless its application has been excluded by public notification by the Governor in a particular State.

No final decision has been taken to amend various provisions of the said Act.

Black listed NGOs

†2074. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the non-governmental organizations blacklisted during the last two years for misappropriation of funds provided for social services;

(b) the amount of embezzlement for which charges have been made alongwith other charges that have been made against each of them;

(c) by whom and when the matter was investigated; and

(d) the details of the amount recovered from these NGOs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Statement is attached (See below).

(c) to (d) Whenever it is found during the field inspection carried out by the State Governments/Officers of the Ministry/designated agencies that any amount of grant has been misutilized, the organization is not working on ground, the number of beneficiaries is much less than claimed, quality of services is not commensurate with the quantum of grant-in-aid etc., such organizations are served a show cause notice. If their reply is not

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

found satisfactory, further grant-in-aid is suspended and the organization is black listed.

Statement

Names of the Non Govemment Organisations blacklisted by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment during last two years

SI. No.	Name of Organisation
1.	Talagarda Harijan Sahi Mahila Samiti, At Gaiknapali, Post-Taparia, Via-Gopalpur, Distt. Sundergarh, Orissa
2.	Orissa Voluntary Association for Rural Socio Development, At Kaliapat, Post Gopikund, Distt. Jagatsinghpur, Orissa
3.	People Organisation of Orientation and Renovation, At & P.O. Nuagaon, Wa-Srigida, Distt. Keonjhar, Orissa.
4.	National Youth Service Action and Social Development Research Institute, Santhasara, Post Santhapur, Wa-Gondia, Distt. Dhenkanal, Orissa
5.	Shri Damodaran Sanjeevaiah Memorial High School, Sector-6, Bhilai Nagar, Distt. Durg, Chhattishgarh
6.	Shantidoot, Bihar Shariff, Patna
7.	Tapsavi Sewa Charitable Trust, Nadiad, Kheda Distt. Gujarat
8.	B.R. Ambedkar De-addiction Centre, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Begging by children and women

2075. DR. P.C. ALEXANDER: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that begging by young children and women carrying babies in their arms at traffic junctions and places of tourist interests has been steadily increasing and that some beggar mafia groups are behind such activities;

(b) whether effective action for preventing exploitation of women and children for begging will be taken by Government; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken?